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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Post 7907



POST MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

Please Join Us

Event Planning Meeting
No meeting this month

Auxiliary General Meeting
6:30 PM | Tuesday - Jan. 13

VFW Post Officers/House Committee
Chair Meeting

6:00 PM | Monday - Jan. 12

VFW 7907 Post Meeting
7:00 PM | Thursday - Jan. 15

House Chairman Clean Up/Working Party
8:00 AM | Saturday Mornings

COMMANDER'S CALL:

Greetings All,

I hope everyone had a safe and blessed holiday season.

We had a short December but it was very busy. Starting with a huge turnout for the annual Christmas party, the potluck was over the top, with so much

food to choose from. Then it was breakfast with Santa. Great job, Chuck, covering for the Big Guy; the kids had a blast. And thanks to some very hard work from our Auxiliary and their leadership, along with the generous donation of our membership, we were able to help 33 active duty families. The Poppy Giving Tree was so successful this year, I am hoping it does even better next year as the need to help more active duty families grows. The final Post meeting of 2025 was outstanding, with a big turnout for happy hour; it might have had something to do with the chicken and ribs dinner and all those sides. Remember spouses, you are all welcome to come to the happy hour and hang out while the meeting is going on; it's a great opportunity to make new friends if you're new to our Post. Prior to the starting of the meeting, we gave out our Teacher of the Year award, VOD awards, and P/P award; the winners were so appreciative.

So with all the major programs completed, we just need to get our membership checked off. Remember, comrades, we are all part of the membership team; don't hesitate to reach out to those sisters and brothers you meet in your travels, let them know what the VFW and our Post can do to help, and what a great Post we are.

As we start this new year, let's work even harder to help those veterans and their families in need, so if there is anyone who knows of a veteran or their family who needs help, please contact me or the Post.

Please check the January calendar for all the upcoming events.

I wish everyone a safe, healthy, and blessed 2026.

'GO BEARS'

Cheers,

Commander Bill Kimble



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2025-2026 Officers



Post Commander – Bill Kimble
Sr. Vice Commander – Butch Beltrain
Jr. Vice Commander – Deanna Kimble
Quartermaster – Tim Ragnar
Chaplain – Don Biadog, Jr.
Surgeon –
Service Officer – Ed Ozmun
Adjutant – Paula Jansen
Judge Advocate – Paula Jansen
Guard – Henry Flores
1st Year Trustee – John Schiltz
2nd Year Trustee – Bryan Gust
3rd Year Trustee – Paul Swanson
House Committee Chairman – Jason Widmer
Membership Chairman – Bill Kimble
Officer of the Day – Jim Cook
Canteen Manager – Vern DuMolt

Auxiliary Officers

President – Dawn Ragnar
Sr. Vice President – Leanna Brown
Jr. Vice President – Noel Gilchrist
Secretary – Kacyenne Barber
Treasurer – Kacyenne Barber
Chaplain – Christy Schiltz
Guard – Rachel Rocha
Conductor – Karen Kimble
1st Year Trustee – Connie Houk
2nd Year Trustee – Patty Wolinski
3rd Year Trustee – Erin Gilchrist



FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Hard to believe it's 2026 and we are at the halfway mark of our fiscal year. Our Auxiliary made 100% in membership and has already fulfilled all the accomplishments to qualify for Circle of Excellence.

Even though we have done so much in such a short time, our Auxiliary will continue to support Veterans, the community and our Post. One area that I know we can support the Post is to volunteer as a bartender, in the kitchen and help clean on Saturday mornings. If you're available to help in any of these ways, please let us know.

January is pretty quiet event wise, but we will definitely be ramping up come February!

Be sure to **SAVE THESE DATES** on your calendar with these events:

February 8 – Super Bowl Party & Chili Cook Off

March 14 – Auxiliary Department President's Homecoming at San Diego Air & Space Museum

March 28 – CASINO NIGHT!!

April 5 – Easter Brunch

May 16 – Auxiliary District 1 President's Homecoming at our Post

May 30 – Volunteer Appreciation Day

I hope to see all you Auxiliary members at our next meeting on January 13th.

Dawn Ragnar

Lunch with friends - Dec. 19, 2025



CDR Kimble, Fred & Monty enjoying their annual Christmas lunch at Hernandez Hideaway.

**Join us for our
5th Annual Chili Cook-off &
Super Bowl Party**



Feb. 8, 2026

Our contestants will be competing to
see who has the best chili in town and
we need you to be the judge!

(Bring a friend or two)

**\$15 gets you sample bowls of
ALL the entries!**

(While supplies last)

Canteen opens at 1:30PM • Chili served at 3:00PM
WINNER ANNOUNCED AT HALFTIME

FROM THE CANTEEN MANAGER

Another year has come to an end, and a new year begins. With the help of our Great Bartending Team, and all Post Volunteers, I believe we'll have continued prosperity for years to come.

I think we're doing well because we are the most welcoming Post in our district. This isn't just my opinion. Visitors often mention how comfortable they feel because our Post is clean and inviting compared to others. Instead of staring at people who walk thru the door and returning to our drinks, we take time to introduce ourselves and get to know them. I believe this encourages them to return, and in some cases become a Comrade or Auxiliary member.

In keeping this short, I thank you all, who come in regularly, and a special THANK YOU to those of you who support us with your time, talent and/or treasure. Without you, we would be just another post.

I look forward to serving you all.

Vern DuMolt

**I WANT YOU FOR THE
SATURDAY MORNING WORK PARTY**



Each Saturday at 8:00AM at the Post
For more info contact Tim Ragnar
timragnar@gmail.com



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A New Year of Service: Honoring Sacrifice, Inspiring Hope

As the calendar turns and we welcome a new year, we are reminded that life is not measured simply by the passing of time, but by the values we choose to live out each day. The New Year is often marked by resolutions—goals to eat healthier, work harder, or save more—but perhaps the most meaningful resolution we can embrace is to live with purpose, service, and faith.

In Poway, California, the 700 plus members of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7907 embody this spirit year-round. Their lives are a living testimony to sacrifice, resilience, and community. As we step into 2026, their example offers us a powerful lens through which to view the year ahead.

The Sacrificial Service of Veterans

Veterans know better than most that freedom is not free. Many have risked their lives in foreign lands, far from home, to defend values of liberty and peace. Their sacrifices are not confined to the battlefield; they continue long after the uniform is folded away.

At Post 7907, veterans serve their community through outreach, mentorship, and support for fellow servicemen and women. They remind us that true service is not about recognition but about giving of oneself for the good of others. Their dedication challenges us to ask: How can I serve in my own sphere of influence this year?

A Spiritual Emphasis: Love in Action

Scripture tells us in John 15:13 (NLT): "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Key Takeaways from John 15:13

1. Love is active: True love is demonstrated in selfless service and sacrifice.
2. Christ as the model: His death on the cross is the ultimate fulfillment of this verse.
3. Daily living: While few are called to literally give their lives, we are all called to lay down pride, selfishness, and comfort for the sake of others.

Veterans have lived this truth, and their example points us back to Christ's ultimate sacrifice.

Jesus laid down His life not only for His friends but for all humanity, offering salvation and hope. In the same way,

veterans remind us that love is not passive—it is active, costly, and transformative. As we enter the New Year, we are called to embody this love in our daily lives:

- By forgiving when it is difficult.
- By serving when it is inconvenient.
- By standing firm in faith when challenges arise.

Lessons for the New Year

The veterans of Post 7907 inspire us to adopt a mindset of discipline, courage, and service. Here are three lessons we can carry into 2026:

1. Discipline in Pursuit of Purpose - Just as soldiers train with focus and perseverance, we too can approach our goals with discipline. Whether it's spiritual growth, family priorities, or professional aspirations, consistency is key.
2. Service Beyond Self - Veterans remind us that life is richest when lived for others. Volunteer at a local shelter, mentor a young person, or simply extend kindness to a neighbor. Sacrificial service transforms communities.
3. Faith in God's Plan - Veterans often faced uncertainty in battle, yet pressed forward with courage. In our own lives, faith allows us to trust God even when the path ahead is unclear.

A Call to Action

As we stand at the threshold of a new year, let us resolve not only to improve ourselves but to uplift others. Imagine if each of us committed to one act of service each week—how different our Poway Community and San Diego County would look by December 2026.

The veterans of Poway's VFW Post 7907 have already shown us the way. Their sacrifices echo the eternal truth that serving God and Country is the highest calling of humanity.

Closing Blessing

"Lord of all nations, we thank You for the men and women who have laid down their lives in service, and for those who continue to serve in our communities. As we enter this New Year, may we carry their example in our hearts. Teach us to walk in faith, serve with love, and shine with hope, so that our lives may reflect Your grace. In

Jesus' name I pray, Amen."

Final Thought

The New Year is not just about turning a page—it is about writing a new chapter. Inspired by the services of veterans of VFW Post 7907, let us make 2026 a year of sacrifice, service, and spiritual renewal. May we live with courage, love deeply, and serve faithfully, so that when the year closes, we will have left behind not just days, but a legacy of hope.

New Year Benediction Poem

Do not be afraid, for joy lights the way. Christ is our hope, each night, each day. Step into the year, with courage and cheer. Peace with God surrounds — His Eternal love is near.

Happy New Year!

Chaplain Don Biadog, Jr.



New Year's Eve 2015 — NSA Naples, Italy
Ten years ago, on December 31, 2015, our Command Religious Program Team gathered on board NSA Naples to welcome service members and their families to the annual New Year's fireworks celebration. It was a simple ministry of presence — offering coffee, chocolates, drinks, water, and pastries — yet it became a powerful reminder of what spiritual hospitality looks like in a military community far from home. Laughter mingled with the cool night air as Sailors, Marines, civilians, and children found warmth not only in the refreshments but in the fellowship shared on the base's parking lot.

Minutes before midnight, an unforgettable sight unfolded. The slopes of Mount Vesuvius began to glow as residents living around the volcano illuminated their homes and streets in a cascading ring of light. It was as if the mountain itself joined the celebration, standing as a silent witness to the hopes, prayers, and new beginnings carried into the coming year. In that moment — surrounded by service members, families, and the beauty of Naples — God's faithfulness felt unmistakably near.

Around the Post

Christmas Party & Potluck - Dec. 6, 2025



Karen Kimble enjoying all the potluck choices.



Auxiliary Pres. Dawn Ragnar announcing the rules for the white elephant gift exchange.



Vietnam Veterans Association Christmas Lunch - Dec. 20, 2025



Master carver, Fred (Top Left) and the whole gang serving up VVA Christmas lunch.



Around the Post

Dinner & Trivia Night with National Auxiliary President - Dec. 2, 2025



(L to R) Auxiliary District Jr. Vice, Julie Licari, National Auxiliary President, Lois Callahan, & Dept. Auxiliary President, Kathie Okolski.



We had a great turn out for dinner & trivia.



National Auxiliary President, Lois Callahan, & Dept Auxiliary President, Kathie Okolski at the Hotel Del.



Trivia Winners.

On the Map - Dec. 28, 2025



City of Poway installing Post sign.

We have a good time at the Post.

Join us in supporting veterans and their families.

Friday Night Fun - Dec. 19, 2025



Dave, Dept CDR, with Mary Beth, our hundred and a half year old World War II Vet.



JANUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Canteen Closed	2 Canteen Closed	3 Canteen Closed
Get Your Birthday Drink! Are you a Post or Auxiliary Life Member and is your birthday this month, then have a drink on us!						
4 Canteen Closed	5 3:00 PM-6:00 PM	6 3:00 PM-6:00 PM	7 11:00 AM-6:00 PM	8 3:00 PM-6:00 PM	9 3:00 PM-9:00 PM	10 3:00 PM-6:00 PM
		6:00PM Auxiliary General Meeting	11:30AM Pork tenderloin, mashed potatoes & veggies 12.00		6:00PM Burgers & dogs, coleslaw & fries Adult meal - 12.00; Kid meal - 8.00	8:00AM Saturday Work Party
11 8:30AM-1:00PM	12 3:00 PM-6:00 PM	13 3:00 PM-6:00 PM	14 11:00 AM-6:00 PM	15 3:00 PM-6:00 PM	16 3:00 PM-9:00 PM	17 3:00 PM-6:00 PM
	6:00PM VFW Post Officers / House Committee Chair Meeting	6:00PM Auxiliary General Meeting	11:30AM Baked chicken, roasted potatoes & veggies 12.00	6:00 PM VFW 7907 Post Members Only Happy Hour 7:00 PM VFW 7907 Post Meeting	6:00PM BBQ chicken, baked beans & coleslaw Adult meal - 12.00; Kid meal - 8.00	8:00AM Saturday Work Party 10:00AM-1:00PM Vietnam Veterans Meeting
18 Canteen Closed	19 3:00 PM-6:00 PM	20 3:00 PM-6:00 PM	21 11:00 AM-6:00 PM	22 3:00 PM-6:00 PM	23 3:00 PM-9:00 PM	24 3:00 PM-6:00 PM
			11:30AM Pepper steak, rice & broccoli 12.00		6:00PM Pulled pork sandwiches, corn on the cob & beans Adult meal - 12.00; Kid meal - 8.00	8:00AM Saturday Work Party 12:00PM-2:00PM 1st Responders Lunch
25 8:30 AM-12:00PM	26 3:00 PM-6:00 PM	27 3:00 PM-6:00 PM	11:00 AM-6:00 PM	29 3:00 PM-6:00 PM	30 3:00 PM-9:00 PM	31 3:00 PM-6:00 PM
9:00AM – 11:00AM 2 eggs (made to order), hash browns, French toast sticks, bacon or sausage Adult meal - 12.00; Kid meal - 8.00			11:30AM Smothered chicken, mashed potatoes & veggies 12.00		6:00PM Meatloaf, mashed potatoes & green beans Adult meal - 12.00; Kid meal - 8.00	8:00AM Saturday Work Party

Please Note: We make an effort to list the meals accurately. However, menu items may change. Please check the Post menu board or call the Post to verify.